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Mr. David C. Miller, Alaska Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration PO Box 21648 Juneau, AK 99802-1648

Attn: Peter Serrano, Transportation Planner

RE: 2004 - 2006 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment #4

Dear Mr. Miller:

The following minor amendment, which only requires FHWA approval, is submitted for your consideration.

The Department is proposing to add the following project: Advance Project Definition, development of project management plans (PMP), preliminary scoping and field reconnaissance. Total cost is \$40,000 for phase 2 design in FFY 04. This is a pilot project to allow us to do preliminary project work prior to one step programming through environmental document with FHWA on two projects: Alaska Highway MP 1222-1235 and Taylor Highway MP 95-160. We are reducing those two projects by \$20,000 each in the STIP, in order to fund the Advance Project Definition pilot project and remain fiscally constrained.

The STIP remains fiscally constrained. This STIP amendment was developed in compliance with Title 23 - Section 135 and the State Planning Regulations. Projects that are in air quality non-attainment areas are in conformity with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality.

APPROVED

FHWA/Transportation Planner

Sincerely,

Commissioner

cc: Jennifer Bowman, Community Planner, Federal Transit Administration – Region X Jeff Ottesen, Director, Division of Program Development. DOT&PF

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